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TAGS: EWWT SNAR VE
SUBJ: F/V MARIE
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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY GRANTS USCG PERMISSION TO BOARD
AND SEARCH SANTA FE AND, IF CONTRABAND FOUND, TO TAKE TO
US PORT AND HOLD FOR DISPOSITION OF GOV.

2. M DEA CARACAS ADVISES THAT IDENTIFICATION AJZL 9004
PAINTED ON F/V MARIE IS A VENEZUELAN IDENTIFICATION
BELONGING TO A VESSEL REGISTERED IN MARACAIBO BY THE
NAME OF SANTA FE. SANTA FE IS OWNED BY HERPA S A

3. EMBASSY HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPUTY FOFEIGN
MINISTER SEVERAL TIMES CONCERNING GOV PERMISSION TO
BOARD AND SEARCH SANTA FE, A VENEZUELAN REGISTERED VESSEL.
AT HIS SUGGESTION, EMBASSY ON APRIL 7 FORMALIZED REQUEST
IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE. IN THE NOTE EMBASSY ASKED PERMISSION
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FOR USG TO ACT IN BEHALF OF GOV AND STATED THAT, IF
NARCOTICS FOUND ABOARD VESSEL, IT WOULD BE TOWED TO A
US PORT FOR POSSIBLE PROSECUTION BY GOV.

4. THIS REQUEST HAS APPARENTLY FOCUSSED GOV CONCERNS
AND UNEASINESS ABOUT THE LEGALITIES AND RAMIFICATIONS OF
SHIP SEIZURES. VENEZUELAN WANT TO COOPERATE ON NARCOTICS

MATTERS AND WERE WILLING TO DO SO IN THE PAST, AD HOC
AND ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, WITHOUT EXAMINING THE JURIDICAL
IMPLICATIONS TOO CLOSELY. THE CONTINUING REQUESTS,
HOWEVER, HAVE MADE THEM INCREASINGLY UNEASY, AND THIS ONE
MAY HAVE BEEN THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK IN
THAT SENSE. THEY USED THIS CASE TO STUDY THE SITUATION
AND HAVE SUGGESTED WE REACH AGREEMENT ON A UNIFORM
AND "REGULARIZED" PROCEDURE. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON THIS
ASPECT.
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